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In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the documents listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

- **(1)** International Publication No. WO 02/18120, entitled RAPID DENSIFICATION OF POROUS BODIES..., By Wood et al., published March 7, 2002. An abstract is attached hereto.
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0049430, entitled MACROCYCLIC POLYESTER OLIGOMERS AND..., By Winckler et al., published December 6, 2001. An abstract is attached hereto.

- (3) International Publication No. WO 97/11829, entitled INJECTION MOULDING MACHINE WITH A CHARGING CYLINDER, By Noresson, published April 3, 1997. An abstract is attached hereto.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 3,384,929 entitled APPARATUS FOR MOLDING PLASTICS,By Nouel, patented May 28, 1968. An abstract is attached hereto.
- (5) U.K. Patent No. 1,160,754 entitled IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES, published August 6, 1969. An abstract is attached hereto.
- (6) German Patent No. 44 34 657 published April 4, 1996. This patent is in German and there is no English abstract provided.
- (7) U.K. Patent No. 2 301 059 entitled RESIN TRANSFER MOULDING WITH CONTROLLED HEATING OF RESIN, By Johnson et al., published November 27, 1996. An abstract is attached.
- (8) German Patent No. 197 15 229 published October 15, 1998. This patent is in German and there is no English abstract provided.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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